

# Admission to Uffington School

## Frequently Asked Questions



### **Do we have to go to church to attend Uffington School?**

We are a Church School which is built upon Christian values, but that means that we are here for everyone, we welcome children of all faiths and none.

### **What does it mean to be a Church School?**

Our vision for education is rooted in the Christian faith and we have close links with the church. We hold a Christian act of worship every day and have regular services and other events in Uffington Church; many of which are open to parents, carers, friends and members of the community. Our Christian vision underpins everything we do from making strategic decisions to ensuring that everyone is made welcome in our school.

#### **OUR CHRISTIAN VISION**

*We are a family-orientated school where everyone is welcome, a place where we strive to provide the best possible education in a caring Christian environment; an education that allows everyone to flourish and have the confidence to make a positive contribution. We seek to develop the individual strengths of everyone within our school community, where each unique personality can be recognised and valued.*

### **How can a small school like Uffington offer the range of resources and opportunities that a larger school might provide?**

We consider that our small size gives us the advantage and many parents comment that we 'punch above our weight' in terms of the opportunities that children have; all children have access to extra-curricular activities, music tuition and intra-school sport; school visits take place throughout the school year and we welcome visitors each term. We play a leading role in the Stamford and District Sports Association and co-ordinate larger scale events such as the District Sports, Rugby Tournaments and Netball League to ensure that as many children as possible have the opportunity to participate in inter-school sport. All our children have swimming lessons from the Reception Class upwards.

We have well-resources classrooms with access to digital technology, high-quality books and a wide range of equipment to support teaching and learning. We make good use of the outdoor environment using both the school grounds and the wider village to develop an awareness of the natural world around us. We are about to embark on an exciting new

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project to develop the school garden as a Forest School setting; this will be in place for September 2023.

**How can teachers teach two year groups in one class? Isn't there a danger that some children might struggle to keep up, while others are held back?**

A vertically-grouped arrangement does mean that there is a wide age range in one class but all our teachers are skilled in planning and delivering a curriculum which meets the needs of both the range of age and ability within a single class. In subjects such as English and mathematics, children may be grouped to ensure that they are accessing teaching at an appropriate level. Each class has a trained teaching assistant who supports teaching and learning in the mornings and some afternoons.

**If there are a small number of children in a year group, will there be enough children to form friendships?**

One of the Christian values of our school is 'Friendship' and we promote this by providing daily opportunities for the children to mix socially with children within their own class and across the school. Arrangements are in place for older children to partner up with younger children for activities such as 'Reading Buddies' and collective worship. Uffington is the sort of place where lifelong friendships are made and most classes keep in touch with one another long after they have left our school.

**I go out to work. Do you provide before and after-school care on site?**

We have an OFSTED-registered wrap-around care setting on-site. 'Reach for the Stars' is run by the charity Inspire+ who provide both before and after-school care between the hours of 0730 and 1800. Reach for the Stars is used by a large number of families who appreciate the standard of care and flexible approach to hours. Where there is sufficient demand, holiday care is also offered; where demand is too low to be financially viable, families are signposted to other trusted settings who can provide this service.

**Where do children move to after Uffington School?**

We pride ourselves on preparing our children for the next stage in their education and feedback from parents and receiving schools tells us that the vast majority of children make a smooth transition to secondary school, even when these are much bigger than Uffington. Our children leave us as confident young people with a strong work ethic and sense of their place in society.

In 2022, all sixteen children were offered places at their first choice of secondary school with children moving on to:

- Bourne Grammar School
- The King's (Cathedral) School, Peterborough
- Casterton Community College
- Arthur Mellows College, Glington
- The Stamford Endowed Schools
- Stamford Welland Academy

**I would like my child to attend Uffington School. How likely am I to get a place?**

In recent years, we have been able to accommodate all those children whose parents have chosen Uffington as their preferred school. In the event that demand exceeds the number of places available, an independent appeals process is in place managed by Lincolnshire County Council.

**Do I have to live in Lincolnshire to attend Uffington School?**

No. We are very close to the boundaries with other local authorities and it is not unusual for children to attend school in a county different to that of the home address. You must, however, apply through your own local authority who will then liaise with Lincolnshire County Council.

**KEY DATES FOR ADMISSION TO THE RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2023**

14<sup>th</sup> November – Applications open. Please visit [School admissions – Lincolnshire County Council](#) to make your application.

15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Application deadline

17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Offers made

June 2023 – Initial meeting with parents and carers; home visits and transition days